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[Retailers Not Sold on Grand Avenue: Building Frank Gehry's glass-curtained towers is just the beginning. The developers must lure back the kind of high-end retailers who began abandoning downtown Los Angeles 50 years ago. \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[The problem with most high-rises is how well they reach the street: ...architects and developers have inflicted cities with far more bad ones than good, both globally and locally. By Lawrence W. Cheek -- Weber+Thompson; Foster; Calatrava; MAD](#)- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

[Tropical Green conference speakers give more insight into their stance on sustainability. - Chad Oppenheim; Guy Battle; Rick Fedrizzi; etc. \[podcasts\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

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[Soldier Field gets what it deserves: Lost landmark status may help other icons...likely to help prevent other historic landmarks from being similarly marred. By Blair Kamin -- Wood + Zapata \[slide show\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Renovation Futile, Leaders Say: Mayor Williams's Plan to Vacate Renowned \[Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library\] Building Remains Divisive -- Mies van der Rohe \(1972\)](#)- Washington Post

[Architectural accidents 'avoidable': Is architecture and quantity surveying one and the same profession? Q&A with architect Engelbert M. Lipambila, Chairman of the Tanzania Architects and Quantity Surveyors Registration Board \(AQRB\)](#)- Tanzania Standard

[Room to be heard: Immigration rallies remind us why public spaces are vital. By Blair Kamin -- Project for Public Spaces](#)- Chicago Tribune

[High above the city, contest gives local architects chance to spread their wings: Six up-and-coming architectural firms are in the running to create a sculpture garden for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art...It can be a model of a new sort of urban plaza that celebrates the vivid potential of those leftover spaces found in every city -- even something as forlorn as the top of a parking garage. By John King -- Mario Botta; Mark Cavagnero Associates; EnvelopeA+D; Fougerson Architecture; Jensen & Macy; Kuth/Ranieri; Pfau Architecture \[link to mages\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

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[Curators named for 2006 Venice Architecture Biennale's U.S. Pavilion: ...the editors of Architectural Record...Robert Ivy has been named commissioner for the United States...will focus on..."Designing the Future of New Orleans: An International Competition for New Housing in New Orleans"...](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

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